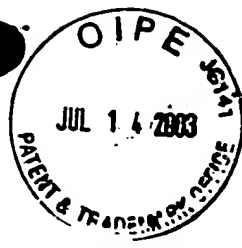


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In re Application of

Katsunobu HORI, et al.

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003, now due to expire April 14, 2003, be extended for three months and set to expire on July 14, 2003.

Please charge the extension fee of \$520.00 (\$930.00 minus \$410.00 paid June 12, 2003) to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

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